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The deposition of William Palmer aged 45 years or thereabouts being first sworn on the holy Evangels of Almighty God deposeth and saith to the interrogatories proposed by the Defendant as followeth

1st In the affirmative.

2nd He believes there was.

3rd He believes he did not visit him for a great while before his death sickness.

4th He always esteemed him very much and has often heard him so express himself.

5th Yes

6th Heard from Thomas Buckley that he died

7th He does not know.

8th He does not know.

9th He does not know.

10th same

11th He thinks he was capable of understanding the deed.

12th Does not know.

13th Does not know

14th Knows nothing of it

15th Does not know.

16th Does not know.

17th Does not know.

18th Does not know

19th Does not know

20th Does not know.

21st Does not know

22nd Does not know

23rd Does not know

24th same.

25th He has heard Charles Lecompte say that he intended to give all he possessed to the Defendants and his wife.

26th He has heard that William attempted to influence his brother Charles in making his will so that he might will it to him by leaving him.

27th He has heard Charles Lecompte say that if he can get all Israelites together again it should never be divided.

William Palmer

The Commissioners adjourned to Monday 12th instant at the instance of the defendant

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defendant ordered Summonses for Thomas Barnett & Wm Frazier of Dan. Lewis Woolford.

Monday 12th the Commissioners met agreeable to adjournment

Present James Steele and Joseph E. Muse } Esquires

The Commissioners then proceeded to take the following depositions to wit.

The deposition of Captain Thomas Barnett of full age being first sworn on the holy Evangels of Almighty God deposeth and saith to the interrogatories proposed as followeth.

1st to the first He answers in the affirmative.

2nd He does not know.

3rd He has seen him there once and never but once to his knowledge.

4th He does not know nor ever heard him say he was suspicious of him.

5th Answered in the affirmative

6th He was once called upon by letter from Charles Lecompte as a Justice of the peace to take the acknowledgment of deeds which he understood was from Charles to William Lecompte. Being Crossexamined he says the letter he received from Charles to take the acknowledgment of deeds was about two or three months before his Charles Lecompte's death.

7th He does not know and was not present when any deeds were offered to be executed. He attended agreeable to the aforesaid letter and heard William Lecompte see his brother Charles that the other Magistrate could not attend. Being Crossexamined he said he heard Charles Lecompte say it was to dock the entail of his land part of which Captain Frazier held and the deponent understood from Charles Lecompte before William came the land which Captain Frazier held was a part of Israelite.

The Deponent further observed that after William came he and Charles walked to the back of the yard, Charles said Captain Frazier wanted him to give him a deed for the land Captain Frazier bought of John McKeel before he Charles gave a deed to William to dock the entail, but that he could not give him a deed then for he wanted to give him such a deed as Charles Power had given to Thomas McKeel. The Respondant was not there present.

8th To this Interrogatory he deposeth not

9th He does not know

10th He does not know

11th He was a man of sufficient understanding to comprehend the deed.

12th He was not.

13th same 14th same 15th same